

December 22, 2009

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey held on the 22nd day of December, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Government Center, Secaucus, N.J.

Present: Mayor Richard Steffens
Councilmembers: John Bueckner
Michael Gonnelli
Gary Jeffas
John Shinnick
Dawn McAdam
John Reilly

Pledge of Allegiance

The following statement was read by Town Clerk Michael Marra:

"Adequate notice for this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, has been provided by the filing of the notice of Meetings with the Municipal Clerk, the posting of said notice on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and the delivery of same to the Secaucus Home News on December 18, 2009."

This body wishes to advise you that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-11.1, et seq. of the Indoor Air Quality Standards and Procedures for Buildings Occupied by Public Employees, smoking anywhere in this public building is prohibited by law.

In the event of a fire or other emergency, please note that there are two exits in the rear of the Council Chamber which may be used."

The first item on the agenda is as follows:

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2009-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127-B OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED "DESIGNATION OF LOCATIONS AT OR NEAR PRIVATE RESIDENCES"

SECTION 1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Section 127-58B - "Designation of Locations at or Near Private Residences" shall be amended by deleting the following location:

NAME OF STREET	SIDE	LOCATION
Julianne Terrace	South	On the south side of Julianne Terrace, beginning at a point 550 west of the southwest corner of Schopman Drive and Julianne Terrace continuing for a distance of 22 feet directly in front of 301 Julianne Terrace.

SECTION 2

SEVERABILITY

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the provisions of this ordinance are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of the regulation or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such persons or circumstances, to which the ordinance or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempted therefrom.

SECTION 3

REPEALER

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4

EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Mayor Steffens asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing proposed ordinance. There being no one requesting the floor, Councilman Shinnick moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilman Bueckner.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Councilman Gonnelli moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA-RESOLUTIONS

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Mayor and Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-210

RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE SUBURBAN ESSEX
MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS ,the Town of Secaucus is a member of the Suburban Essex Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, Suburban Essex JIF has issued an endorsement to the policy effective January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to accept the endorsement for the 2010 year for the terms and conditions set forth in the annexed Schedule "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Town of Secaucus agrees to accept the annexed endorsement from the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverage, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Suburban Essex Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-211

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that the attached annual notice of Caucus meetings of the Governing Body is hereby approved for the year 2010.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2009-212

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that the attached annual notice of Regular meetings of the Governing Body is hereby approved for the year 2010.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2009-213

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2008 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled: "General Comments, Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled: "General Comments, Recommendations" as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Town of Secaucus, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

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The following resolution was read: No. 2009-214

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus awarded a Professional Service Contract in regards to the Fair and open Public Solicitation Process on November 25, 2009 to Johnson and Johnson for Services of Special Counsel Application of Hartz/Damascus Bakery, Inc., in the amount of \$35,000.00.; and

WHEREAS, an amendment is needed for an increase to the Special Counsel Contract for the Application of Hartz/Damascus Bakery, Inc., and

WHEREAS an additional amount of \$12,148.00 is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus amend the contract for the firm of Johnson & Johnson to \$47,148.00.

Financial officers
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-215

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 t, two-thirds of the full membership of the Town Council concurring:

GENERAL

From		To	
Postage-All-Depts	\$4,000	Municipal Water	\$7,000
Fire Hydrants	\$3,000		
Legal		Tax Litigation	
Other Expenses	\$25,000	Other Expenses	\$25,000
Road Dept.			
Salaries & Wages	\$ 7,500		
Recycling		Shuttle Bus	
Salaries & Wages	\$7,500	Salaries & Wages	\$15,000

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-216

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following Current Fund appropriation balances remain unexpended:

Legal
Other Expenses \$75,000

Engineering
Other Expenses \$10,000

Gasoline-All Departments
Other Expenses \$25,000

Group Insurance \$190,000

Other Insurance \$25,000

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Surplus:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the above listed unexpended balances of the Current Fund be canceled.

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-217

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the Town of Secaucus that the following temporary appropriations be made for the payroll period week ending January 8, 2010 and termination upon adoption of the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2010.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Administrative and Executive:	
Salaries & Wages	9,000.00
Town Clerk's Office:	
Salaries & Wages	5,950.00
Office of the Mayor:	
Salaries & Wages	10,250.00
Treasurer's Office:	
Salaries & Wages	17,500.00
Assessment of Taxes:	
Salaries & Wages	6,000.00
Collection of Taxes:	
Salaries & Wages	5,000.00
Legal Services & Costs:	
Salaries & Wages	2,600.00
Public Buildings & Grounds:	
Salaries & Wages	35,000.00
Planning Board:	
Salaries & Wages	600.00
Board of Adjustments:	
Salaries & Wages	600.00
Municipal Court:	
Salaries & Wages	15,000.00
Public Defender	
Salaries & Wages	750.00
Engineering Services and Costs:	
Salaries & Wages	900.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:	
Police	
Salaries & Wages	315,000.00
Communications & Security:	
Salaries & Wages	3,600.00
School Crossing Guards:	
Salaries & Wages	8,000.00
Emergency Management Services:	
Salaries & Wages	000.00
Fire Inspector:	
Salaries & Wages	4,800.00
STREETS AND ROADS:	
Road Repair & Maintenance	
Salaries & Wages	100,000.00

Sewer System:	
Salaries & Wages	1,000.00
Solid Waste Management Recycling:	
Salaries & Wages	13,000.00
HEALTH & WELFARE:	
Department of Social Services:	
Salaries & Wages	11,000.00
Board of Health:	
Salaries & Wages	3,000.00
Community Shuttle Bus:	
Salaries & Wages	4,000.00
RECREATION & EDUCATION:	
Parks & Playgrounds	
Salaries & Wages	1,500.00
Supervision of Playground Activities:	
Salaries & Wages	50,000.00
Recreation Activities:	
Salaries & Wages	5,000.00
STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION:	
Construction Official:	
Salaries & Wages	11,000.00
Office of Inspections:	
Salaries & Wages	8,000.00
Total	648,050.00

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-218

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The annual salaries for nonunion administrative employees, January 1, 2010 are as follows:

Sr. Administrative Assistant, Carole Barna	53,216
Sr. Administrative Assistant, Trina Zloty	48,055
Executive Assistant, Regina Bator	42,100
Executive Assistant Ins. Coord. Roxanne Paciga	49,201
Principle Payroll Clerk, Lorraine Carr	41,235
Chief Financial Officer, Margaret Barkala	104,588
Fiscal Analyst, Office Suprv. Anna Territola	47,969
F/T Police Dispatcher, Diane Kilroy	46,838
F/T Police Dispatcher, Doreen Bouille	42,914
F/T Police Dispatcher, Debbie De Felice	38,868
F/T Police Dispatcher, Marie Miele	38,088
F/T Police Dispatcher, Thomas Meicke	37,661
Fiscal Officer-Recreation Dept., Barbara Baer	36,446
Day Care Counselor, Linda Kitrys	22,013
Asst. Counselor, Lacey Rozansky	24,229
Asst. Counselor, Kelly Gasser	24,229
Town Administrator, David Drumeler	128,614
Fire Official/Prop. Maint. Officer, Vincent Massaro, Jr.	48,676
Town Clerk & Tax Searcher, Michael Marra	54,937
Municipal Court Judge, Kathleen Walrod	51,458
Parking Enforcement Officer, Norma Rodriguez	30,800
Mayor's Secretary, Madelon Michaels	50,138

Section 2. All salaries, wages and other compensation as are in the ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2010.

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-219

TOWN OF SECAUCUS
COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendation of John Voli, Recreation Director of the Town of Secaucus, the following persons are hereby appointed as Maintenance Personnel, Clerical Personnel and Skate guards for the Secaucus Ice Rink, effective December 18, 2009, at the following hourly rates:

Maintenance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Michael Cardenas	\$7.25

Skateguards

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Kevin Saa	\$7.25
Eric Jeffas	\$7.25
Samantha Suppa	\$7.25
Lucas Mondadori	\$7.25
Christopher DeCandia	\$7.25
Anthony Dello Iacono	\$7.25
Patrick Ambrosio	\$7.25
Brittany Ernst	\$7.25

Clerical

Nina Petruzzella	\$7.25
Alexandra Tous	\$7.25
Alexis Waters	\$7.25
Marissa Eck	\$7.25
Mary Kate Ernst	\$7.25

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-220

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT
FOR INTERNET DEVELOPMENT/MAINTENANCE SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council received the following response to its Fair & Open Solicitation Process for Internet Development/Maintenance Service:

<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Alpha Dog Solutions, Inc.	\$25,140.00-29,940.00

WHEREAS, the Council Subcommittee has reviewed the submission of Alpha Dog Solutions, Inc. and determined that the submission of Alpha Dog Solutions, Inc. is in the best interests of the Town of Secaucus; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Dog Solutions, Inc. is currently under contract to the Town of Secaucus for internet development/maintenance services, and has been performing such services in an effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the submission from Alpha Dog Solutions, Inc., specifies a first year base monthly contract amount of \$2,095 which includes maintenance and hosting (\$95) and provides rates for additional services such as programing, graphic design and technical consulting which are available at an additional cost of up to 20% per month (\$2,495), and a second year base monthly contract amount of \$2,295 which includes maintenance and hosting (\$95) and provides rates for additional services such as programing, graphic design and technical consulting which are available at an additional cost of up to 20% per month (\$2,695); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that a contract for Internet Development/Maintenance Service be

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awarded to Alpha Dog Solutions, Inc. in the minimum amount of \$25,140 and not to exceed \$29,940 for year one, and in the minimum amount of \$27,540 and not to exceed \$32,340; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Clerk shall be authorized to execute a contract for Internet Development/Maintenance Service with Alpha Dog Solutions, Inc., for an initial period of two years with the option to renew under the terms and conditions specified therein for two consecutive one year terms in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-15.

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-221

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, that Kerri Korycinski is hereby appointed to the Tax Collector's Office as a Temporary Clerk to assist in necessary review of the tax records., effective Monday, December 22, 2009 at an hourly rate of \$8.00 per hour.

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-222

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that George Miller be given a title of Director of Transportation , with a raise of \$2,500 effective January 1, 2009.

Councilman Shinnick moved to approve the resolution on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Gonnelli.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens
ABSTAIN: Jeffas on 2009-219 only
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Councilman Shinnick moved that the following Salary Vouchers and Claims Fund Register be approved, seconded by Councilman Bueckner.

Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 12/11/09	\$ 457,289.12
Adm. & Exec	11,154.23
Mayor & Council	10,638.46
Municipal Clerk	6,848.84
Legal Dept.	2,588.35
Treasurer	20,355.15
Tax Assessor	6,052.98
Tax Collector	5,247.85
Municipal Court	16,119.96
Engineering	808.08
Community Shuttle Bus	3,614.86
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	38,423.27
Off. Of Inspect.	7,069.21
Planning Board	541.66
Bd. Of Adjustments	541.66
Public Defender	600.00
Comm. & Security Adm.	3,541.26
Fire Department	0.00
Police Dept.	313,196.22
Construction	10,291.54
School Cross Grds.	7,782.24
Office of Emergency Man.	000.00
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,856.94
Rd. Repair & Maint.	116,611.53
Sewer System	846.27
Recycling Coord.	13,168.46
Bd.of Health	2,959.23
Mosquito Control	000.00
Social Services	10,373.16
Pks. & Play Grds.	1,128.00
Supv. Of Play Act.	44,416.86

Rec. Activities	4,681.00	
Pool Oper.	000.00	
CDBG	670.12	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 12/11/09		\$ 208,503.67
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 12/25/09		\$ 437,836.72
Adm. & Exec	8,805.23	
Mayor & Council	1,859.86	
Municipal Clerk	5,716.99	
Legal Dept.	2,588.35	
Treasurer	18,172.14	
Tax Assessor	5,505.98	
Tax Collector	5,347.04	
Municipal Court	13,376.69	
Engineering	000.00	
Community Shuttle Bus	3,961.88	
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	30,253.99	
Off. Of Inspect.	5,447.63	
Planning Board	000.00	
Bd. Of Adjustments	000.00	
Public Defender	600.00	
Comm. & Security Adm.	3,541.26	
Fire Department	000.00	
Police Dept.	295,882.43	
Construction	9,852.16	
School Cross Grds.	10,306.57	
Office of Emergency Man.	000.00	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,496.22	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	139,758.12	
Sewer System	294.83	
Recycling Coord.	9,361.27	
Bd.of Health	699.23	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	10,569.14	
Pks. & Play Grds.	1,468.72	
Supv. Of Play Act.	49,354.92	
Rec. Activities	6,204.05	
Pool Oper.	000.00	
CDBG	670.12	
Town of Secaucus Escrow Acct. w/ending 12/25/09		\$ 206,207.10
Total Amount Claims	Check No. 28089-28258	\$ 711,203.84
Recreation Acct.	Check No. 1909-1910	\$ 116,255.23
Current Account	Check No. 1759-1764	\$ 7,656.16
Trust Account	Check No. 1173-1175	\$ 20,061.61

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens
NAYS: Bueckner on Daniel Becht and Thomas Calvinico, Gonnelli on Daniel Becht and Thomas Calvinico, Jeffas on Daniel Becht and Thomas Calvinico
ABSTAIN: Reilly on Jersey City Medical Center/Meadowlands Hospital
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

BINGO/RAFFLE APPLICATION

Councilman Gonnelli moved that the following application for Raffle/Bingo License be approved, seconded by Councilman Bueckner.

R-1106 St. Mathews Lutheran Church - Off Premise 50/50

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

Councilman Gonnelli moved to accept and received the Reports and Correspondence report, seconded by Councilman Shinnick.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The following correspondence was received:

To: Mayor and Town Council
cc: Guido Bravo
Engine # 3
146 Centre Avenue
Secaucus, NJ
Re: Letter of Resignation
Date: 12/5/09

This letter is to inform the Mayor and Town Council that firefighter Brian Mount of Engine Company #3 has submitted his letter of resignation from the Secaucus Fire Dept. effective December 1, 2009. Brian is no longer a resident of Secaucus and a member in good standing of Engine Company #3. The members and officers of Engine Co. #3 accepted his letter of resignation on December 4, 2009 during our monthly meeting. Thank you for your time.

Guido Bravo
Secretary

Councilman Jeffas moved to accept the resignation of Brian Mount as a member of Engine Co. # 3, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Steffens thanked the Department of Public Works and the members of Buildings and Grounds for an excellent job done during the recent storm. He explained the process of the preparation for the storm with all of the necessary departments at hand. He also reported that there was a meeting with the ambulance committee to review plans as well as a Finance Committee meeting to discuss improvements for the Recreation Center. He also stated that there was a meeting with CAP to speak about improvements to services that are available and to hold down cost. He asked Mayor Elect Gonnelli to give a detailed report on the transitions.

Councilman Gonnelli thanked Mayor Steffens for allowing the smooth transition to take place and also thanked him for the passed four months in bringing unity to the Council. He spoke about the review of the Professional Service contract and the removal of some services that will allow for savings to the taxpayers. He explained what some of the plans are for the future. He asked Councilman Bueckner to elaborate on the Recreation Center.

Councilman Bueckner explained some of the plans for the Recreation Center. He noted that there will be permanent bonding and explained that process.

Mayor Steffens noted that Louis Imperato will be retiring.

Councilman Gonnelli spoke a little about working with Mr. Imperato and stated that at the next meeting they would like to bring him in to acknowledge his years of service.

Mayor Steffens noted that George Miller, a former Police Officer in the Town and then worked in Medical Escort and now the Transportation

Department, is also retiring. He noted that he will be missed and thanked him for his years of service to the Town of Secaucus.

Mayor Steffens acknowledged Town Administrator, David Drumeler for work done on the bonding for next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Steffens acknowledged Councilman Reilly for his many years of service as well as Councilwoman McAdam for her time serving the community. He spoke about their services and dedication to the Town and thanked them both. He also thanked the entire Council for their support that was given to him during his tenure and thanked them for allowing him to be where is for the passed four months. He stated that he will be opening the Special Meeting on January 2, 2010 at the Secaucus High School and will be turning the "gavel" over to Mayor Elect Gonnelli.

Councilman Bueckner thanked the exiting Council for the years of service and spoke about the efforts they made for the Town.

Councilman Reilly spoke about his time with the Town and thanked his colleagues for their support over the years. He wished the new administration much success.

Mayor Steffens wished that the public could see how the Caucus Meeting worked earlier and how the process is done and how things were worked out. He stated that this is how it should work.

Councilwoman McAdam thanked the Council and public and wished all happy holidays.

Councilman Gonnelli stated that he and Councilman Reilly have a forty year history as friends and stated that he hoped that he would assist the administration, especially Councilman Jeffas as the Police Department Liaison, and that be available as he is an asset to the Town. He stated that he did a great job during his time with the Town in all aspects. He continued to speak about Councilwoman McAdam and about her hard work as a Council person as well as a candidate. He hope that she would continue to stay active in the community and thanked her for all that she had done. He then spoke about Mayor Steffens and thanked him for stepping into the position and stated that there will always be a place for him. He wished a Merry Christmas to all and thanked all for attending.

Mayor Steffens wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from himself and all the Council members.

Councilman Bueckner thanked Mayor Steffens for all his efforts.

Councilman Shinnick thanked Mayor Steffens for his efforts in the Town appreciation and for his time and concern for the Town. He also thanked all the Council members.

Mayor Steffens stated that it was an honor to serve.

Councilman Jeffas thanked the exiting Council for their service to the community and stated that he is looking forward to the future with the Town.

Mayor Steffens thanked Town Administrator, David Drumeler for his work during the difficult times.

REMARKS OF CITIZEN

Carole Acropolis
Joseph Morano
Pat Belenski
Susan Protz
Andrew Conti
Gary Meyers

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Jeffas moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm, seconded by Councilman Shinnick.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Michael Marra, Town Clerk

